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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES TO THE EL NIÑO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to prepare the country, particularly, Metro Manila for a possible long dry spell over the next few months brought about by El Niño;

**WHEREAS**, Manila Water Co. Inc. warned that this early in the year, the water level at Angat Dam in Bulacan is already 202 meters above sea level (masl) – the lowest level recorded in the past six years. Normally, around this time, the water level should be around 208 masl and the critical level for the dam was 180 masl;

**WHEREAS**, to further illustrate the urgency of the issue, it was noted that from January 10-11, the water level at the Angat dam had declined by nine centimeters;


**WHEREAS**, currently, Manila Water provides 1,350 million liters of water per day (mld) to the east zone concession area. Metro Manila's 15 million residents draw 97 percent of raw water supply from the Angat Dam and Reservoir in Bulacan. Angat has an existing capacity of 4,000 mld for domestic supply;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to put in place several measures –including looking for alternative water sources – that could help address a possible prolonged dry spell;

**WHEREAS**, even if there is a prolonged dry spell, there should be available water supply for the consumers 24/7;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to ensure the optimum exploitation, utilization, development, conservation and protection of the country's water resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the preparedness of the government agencies to the El Niño in the Philippines.

  
**MANNY VILLAR**  
Senator